

**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Room 314**  
**April 8, 2003**

Minutes

Member Present:

HARJA, John - GOPB/DNR  
KAPPE, Karl - DFFSL  
CHRISTY, Kim - SITLA  
PAYNE, Val - DNR  
SOWARDS, Glade - Utah Energy Office  
CANNING, Michael – DWR  
BLATTER, Therron – DEQ/DERR  
WADSWORTH, Carl - DEQ/DSHW  
HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geologic Survey  
GEORGESON, Michael - DEQ – Drinking Water  
REICKERT, Mike - DEQ - Water Quality  
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pam – DOGM  
QUILTER, Mark – UDAF

Others Present:

LANDURETH, Brenda - DNR/ADMIN  
WRIGHT, Carolyn – GOPB/DNR  
RIGTRIP, Keith - BLM  
EASTON, Mark – Pacific West

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.  
Pam Grubaugh-Littig requested clarification on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was mentioned by John Harja at the March 11, 2003 meeting. John Harja responded that the MOU was between the Governor's Office and the Bureau of Land Management. Under number III., Karl Kappe completed that sentence to read, "This fire season should be another bad season."

Kimm Harty made a motion to approve the March 11, 2003 minutes as amended. Pam Grubaugh-Littig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Promontory Land Fill Presentation – Mark Easton, Pacific West**

Mark Easton, Pacific West, LLC (environmental engineering company) will be the facility operator. Promontory LLC (owner), counties and municipalities of the state of Utah are investigating the feasibility of creating a Class I municipal landfill on the southwest side of the Promontory Point Peninsula in Box Elder County. The site is protected from wind and visual impacts from the Wasatch Front by several small islands and mountains. Access to the landfill facility would be via private dikes, a county road or by way of the Union Pacific Railroad Causeway/Great Salt Lake Minerals by rail and truck. The permit application was submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on December 31, 2002.

Two years ago Pacific West started negotiating with the families. Last year, Pacific West purchased and permitted 2,000 acres, which 1,000 will be permitted for the landfill, and

1,006 acres will serve as a buffer. In addition Pacific West purchase another 22,000 acres around the area for control of interest. The landfill will serve the rapidly growing population in northern Utah counties and municipalities while offering the advantages of low operational cost, long-term capacity, relatively low cost and convenient access with less transportation costs. Municipal solid waste would be transported to the site by truck or railroad to the site. This would provide a low cost, long-term, regional solution to increasing demands for landfill waste disposal from nine northern Utah counties.

Environmental concerns and potential impacts are being addressed to control fugitive waste (covering the waste, drilling wells to monitor and report contaminant levels, fencing, appropriate size and operation of equipment to limit the time that the face is open.) The landfill will include several engineering controls, including a bentonite barrier and a geosynthetic liner in addition a leachate system with evaporation ponds, to control the waste stream. Bailing will be used to compact waste material and to reduce space requirements.

This facility will handle 4,000 tons of municipal waste per day. Tooele and Weber counties are the initial counties to indicate interest in this waste disposal site and will provide the minimum tonnage for the facility to operate.

Karl Kappe stated that a right-of-way permit is required from the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

The public comments will be taken in DEQ public involvement/comment period process. Mark Easton invited the committee to tour the facility.

### **III. Discussion Items – Election of a Vice-Chairperson – John Harja**

John Harja conducted elections for the new vice-chairperson for the committee. Pam Grubaugh-Littig nominated Kimm Harty. Kimm Harty was unanimously elected by the council. The committee thanked Kimm Harty.

### **IV. Report from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects**

Pam Grubaugh-Littig reported that the Castle Gate Hardscrabble reclamation project in Carbon County received a national award from the Office of Surface Mining. In regard to the ongoing Skyline Mine/Electric Lake water issue, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining approved the drilling of a well proposed by Pacific Corp hoping to pump mine water into Electric Lake. They need to get the Utah Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit to pump. The comment period ended on April 4, 2003 and pumping will begin by April 25, 2003.

Karl Kappe reported that the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands will open oil and gas leases by the end of March. No bids on any of the Great Salt Lake tracks. A bid on Green River Property was received. The most recent one is located at Crescent Junction and the filing period closed on April 25, 2003.

John Harja reported that the Bureau of Land Management's Vernal, Richfield, and Price Resource Management plans (RMP) efforts are underway. Alternatives are currently being generated. The Moab Plan is just beginning. Expect several planning projects over the next year. Please pay attention to sensitive species, paleontology, archeology and oil and gas issues.

Resource Development Coordinating Council (RDCC) legislation will sunset on July 1, 2004, so the legislature will consider whether or not will be extended. If the committee has any ideas for statutory changes to improve RDCC, please send them to Carolyn Wright/John Harja. Wes Curtis is considering involving RDCC in other project reviews, such as the exchange between South Salt Lake County and Spring Creek LLC, in which State Parks and Recreation and the Division of Wildlife Resources are both involved. RDCC will review this issue with the developer. The RDCC application form will be revised. Proponents will be required to indicate any others that may be interested in this project to improve collaboration and coordination efforts. The committee will also consider and pay closer attention to small projects.

Keith Rigtrip, Economist, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is the new representative working with Holly Roberts that will be reporting information and taking comments from RDCC. He reported that the Vernal RMP is seeking input, the alternatives are in the development process for Richfield and Price, and the Notice of Intent for Monticello and Moab planning efforts will be published. The grazing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the monument is moving forward and the deadline has been extended into 2004. Scoping will begin in June 2003. Keith Rigtrip will also submit a letter to RDCC regarding the Canyon Rims Recreation Area Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) from the Moab Field Office. The BLM, Washington Office is opening grazing regulations for review. Several meetings have been held in other states. A meeting will be held in Cedar City, Utah on April 23, 2003 and in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 24, 2003 to discuss this issue. Other dates have been posted on BLM's website.

The Department of the Interior is involved in a strategic planning initiative that has been out for comment for a few months. The website is [www.strategic\\_plan@ios.doi.gov](mailto:www.strategic_plan@ios.doi.gov). This is high level strategic planning for the department. Please review and provide comments and consider the proposed balance between multiple-use and preservation. The deadline is April 25, 2003.

## **V. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library**

The Southern Corridor Draft EIS is a priority item (#2729). Several copies are available. Kimm Harty requested additional maps for the Southern Corridor Draft EIS and the Army National Guard Training Areas EA (#2706-2709). Carolyn Wright will call to obtain adequate location maps for project review.

Carolyn Wright requested if the committee would like a presentation about Lost Creek Pipeline (#2694). The committee is interested in a presentation about the pipeline.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, in room 314.